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TOPIC Military Activity in Danzig (Gdansk)

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1. Prior to fall 1954, the large installation southwest of Al. Grunwaldzka in Danzig-Langfuhr (Q 55/Y 42) was occupied by Polish personnel. The soldiers mostly wore red service color. The bulk of all units stationed in Danzig were billeted at this installation. The quarters of the different branches of service could not be determined. All ruins of the installation which were situated close to the ul. Grunwaldzka had been removed. In the autumn of 1953, all units which had returned from the troop training grounds were officially received at the stadium in Langfuhr. The units observed there were stationed at the installation in Langfuhr in the winter 1953/54. Six T-34 tanks were assigned to the units. The soldiers of these tanks had black cap ribbons. About four armored scout cars were observed at the reception. The personnel wore army uniforms with red service color. 25X1
2. In autumn 1953, numerous motorized infantry units with 3-axle trucks of type SIS were observed. The personnel wore army uniforms with red service color. Another motorized AT unit with about 15x57-mm AT guns was seen. An AT unit with 20 to 30 AT guns of 37-mm caliber and one gun of heavier type, all towed by 3-axle SIS trucks, was observed. The last unit that returned in autumn 1953 was a motorized artillery unit. The guns belonging to this unit were about 10 field howitzers of unknown caliber, some 76-mm field guns and about 10x76-mm infantry guns.
3. A Polish general with the rank of a brigade general had been present at the reception of troops in autumn 1953. Until 1954, this general was living in Danzig-Langfuhr, in a building at the southeastern side of ul. Szymanowskiego, not far from Al. Grunwaldzka. He was employed at the installation nearby. No other general had been observed at Danzig.
4. Prior to fall 1954, the former camp of the occupation of the former was heavily occupied by Polish motorized infantry units. The personnel wore red service color. Motor vehicles observed included trucks of SIS and similar type, some of them towing light guns, and jeeps. The units regularly left the installation in the summer.

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5. Prior to autumn 1953, the former Reiter Kaserne was also occupied by units called "Saperski", that is, engineers. The soldiers wore olive-drab uniforms with red service colors and had their trousers tucked into leather boots. No engineer equipment had been observed.
6. Prior to late 1953, the former Wieben Kaserne was still heavily damaged. The debris had been removed. Army soldiers with red service color were observed. 3
7. KBW personnel with blue service color were only rarely seen in Danzig. The location of their billets could not be determined. KBW officer candidates were frequently observed until late 1954. They wore olive-drab tunics, black trousers with blue stripes, blue cap ribbons and had officer candidate insignias on their epaulets. Prior to 1952 or 1953, the KBW officer candidate school had been installed in the former Jugendherberge at Bischofsberg in the direction of Stolzenberg (Wysoka Gora). 4
8. Prior to late 1954, the former Feld Artillerie Kaserne east of ul. Niedziałkowskiego in Danzig-Langfuhr was occupied by WOP personnel. The soldiers had green service color and belonged to coast defense troops in the area of Danzig. At the Niedziałkowskiego, two 4-story or five-story brick buildings were occupied to capacity by military personnel. In autumn 1954, the installation immediately east of the former Reiter Kaserne was occupied by about 500 WOP personnel. The soldiers had green service color. 5
9. Prior to late 1954, no tank units, or units equipped with automatic guns and mortars, or motorcycle rifle units had been observed. no major change in the occupancy of the installations at Danzig, observed in 1953, had occurred in 1954.
1. Comment. The report confirms previous information. The occupancy of one installation by different branches of service indicate that details of a division are stationed there. The division has not yet been identified.
2. Comment. The general observed may be the division commander or the commanding officer of the headquarters belonging to the mechanized corps which probably is stationed in Danzig.
3. Comment. The report confirms previous reports that the former Reiter Kaserne and the former Wieben Kaserne are occupied by motorized infantry units. The occupation of the former Reiter Kaserne by engineer units is reported for the first time.
4. Comment. The location of the KBW officer candidate school in the former Jugendherberge has been reported for the first time.
5. Comment. The report confirms the occupation of the former Feld Artillerie Kaserne by WOP personnel, but previous reports indicating that the installation east of the former Reiterkaserne had been occupied by KBW personnel are not confirmed.

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